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To: Duke Energy
CC: Public Service Commission of South Carolina
From: David N Taylor
Subject: Proposed rate increase

Dear Sirs/Madame:

This letter is in response to the letter received today, "Additional information rate increase request."

The letter stated (again) about the \$6.5 billion of investments and upgrades to your customers.

But again you do not mention the purchase of another energy company. My argument to this rate increase is that I feel a high percentage of this requested rate increase is due to the purchase of another energy company. This purchase has been reported in the Greenville news, and from my awareness many feel the same way as I do about this rate increase, that the purpose of this rate is for Duke to recoup finances spent on the purchase of this other energy company. It would seem that this rate request is a very bold move on Duke's part, to request this increase, so soon after this purchase. Duke will never have a convincing premise to this argument about this rate increase.

You also mentioned in your letter about customers conserving energy.

For me personally, I have spent several hundred dollars re-designing my lighting fixtures in my home, so as to complement the new energy saving bulb; Plus the out of pocket money I have spent for these new bulbs which are very expensive.

After my home was built, Duke classified my home as energy efficient.

Now I am in the process of replacing my old appliances with energy efficient units, washer, dryer(replaced), refer and heat pump(replaced) and hot water heater(replaced), which I have replaced for energy purposes. **So I too have invested in capital expenditures within my home;** I held up my end of the agreement, now I ask Duke to do the same.

And I might also add to the above that there are many South Carolina Citizens who have done the same as I, trying to reduce their energy consumption.

What else can I do to reduce my personal energy consumption? You tell me.

Now after complying with your save energy request, Duke wants to go up on my monthly power bill. Now I ask you, is this fair?

PS:

I strongly urge the Commission to deny Duke this rate increase. Put South Carolina Citizens first, in your decision regarding this increase.

Regards;

David N Taylor

